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Mr. President of the United States

Mr. James Carter

I've known of you several years ago when you came to Argentina to take part in the Interamerican meeting of governors.

My family received you at the Estancia 'La Eliza' at the Province of Buenos Aires. Afterwards my uncle Bohorovich followed a friendship with you.

For him I've perceived your intelligence and sensibility.

But actually I know that in you exists a firm conviction with respect to human rights which in different opportunities you have declared and demonstrated.

And for this precise reason I dare to write you requesting you to help me to rescue my husband, Armando Archetti, who was <sup>kidnapped</sup> ~~raped~~ the 24th of January 1977, in Santiago del Estero. Since then I've known nothing about him.

The fact of addressing you is my last hope, since all efforts I've made up to the present moment have been fruitless. I've seen Interior Minister, General Althaus Harquinez, I've written to President Videla. I've also seen different Military and Ecclesiastic authorities.

But no one has attempted to engage with the situation. They just ignore or deny the existence

of disappeared people.

I resist to believe my husband is dead. I've received information, in extraofficial way that shows me he's alive. But as soon as I intended to verify such information, the official answer has always been negative.

I'm sure any word from your part shall be decisive for the future of my husband. Please help us.

I'd like know to talk you about my husband, so that you could understand up to which point is imprecise his rape.

My husband's story is characteristic of any young man filled with eagerness.

He was born and resided with his family in Santiago del Estero. For University studies he went to Tucuman's University where he became Philosophy professor.

And it was during those years (1963-68) that he realized political activities but always in the mark of democracy (There was no subversive activity in that period)

Then he left this political activity, and after finishing his studies there, he came to Buenos Aires to follow the Philosophy Doctor Career. This

was on February 1973.

Two months later we met at the University, for I was studying there Literature, and we got married after six months on December 7th 1973. Since then we've lived in Buenos Aires.

He has become Professor at the Buenos Aires University and also at El Salvador Catholic University (in the subjects of Philosophy of Science and Classic Logic respectively), he has also given lectures.

Our life has been public and normal without fears or persecutions.

He has had no political militance in Buenos Aires. His nominations at Universities have been observed and approved by the SIDE (Intelligence Service of the State).

On December 22nd 1976, we travelled to Santiago del Estero as we always did, to visit my Parents-in-Law with our two children, Ana y Marcos.

After being there a whole month, when we were almost returning, we went to the Federal Police Station to get a residence certificate to be used in my husband's work. Obviously we felt no fear as can be seen for our attitude. But I'm sure now that when they saw his name, connected him with his old action. This occurred the 20th of January.

Four days later he was raped at the Santiago Lawn.

Tennis Club.

as you can see his <sup>brain</sup>~~name~~ is tragic and senseless,  
because he didn't even lived in Santiago.

There is no reason to justify this abuse.

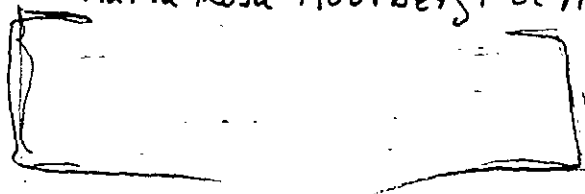
Please, answer my letter, even to tell me you  
can do nothing

Sincerely yours

*M. R.*

Maria Rosa Flourbeigt de Archetti

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Data of my husband

name Armando Archetti

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Born October 23, 1943

-PD: I've made up my mind to send you this letter from  
Brazil, I've got excellent friends there, they'll send this  
letter to you. Please send me your answer to their  
address, they will send it to me afterwards. All this  
as a precaution measure, though if you don't think it  
necessary, answer me to Buenos Aires -

*M. R.*